

# Main Street Reisterstown Program

## Minutes

**Location/Date:** Reter's Crabhouse, Reisterstown - May 6, 2013

**Attendees:** Amy Mantay, Mary Molinaro, Calvin Reter, Brad Reter, Dave Powers, Paul Davolos, Colleen Brady, Glenn Barnes, Kinsey Gill, Pat Brooks, Carin Smith, Irwin Kramer, Kathy Gambrell, Dan Carey, Jonathan Schwartz, J T Doer, Ernie Schmidhauser, Kevin Kowitz, Lisa Dibreen, Michelle Sholund, Stephanie Boston, Dave Kirby

Amy started the meeting with reports from the committees.

Mary said that the **organization committee** has not met since the last report and will probably not meet until after a meeting which will include all Board members, Officers, Committee Chairpeople and Amy. Mary passed around a signup sheet for volunteers at the Main Street booth.

Paul said the **economic restructuring committee** has not met since the last report was given. The next meeting they will look at another prototype of the brochure to be shared with property owners and business owners. Amy asked him to share the prototype as she has already started creating what they want.

Amy reported that the **promotion committee** is developing a plan to promote all the upcoming events. They will be working on the listings of businesses, dividing into blocks and visit to meet & greet and introduce themselves.

Irwin said the **design committee** reported they had a meeting last Monday afternoon and Peter Kirks from the Maryland Historic Trust spoke about "preservation of the past" and will be updating the 1976 inventory of properties.

Dan said the **clean, safe, and green committee** had a great Saturday Main Street Cleanup. There were about 40-50 people who participated in 6 to 7 groups working both sides of Main Street from Chartley Drive up to the Food Lion. One group worked on the ditch over by the empty gas station on Chartley Drive. He filled a dumpster with all the trash collected. Calvin commented there were a few thousand people on the street Sunday for Gene Kirschner's procession and it looked great. Pat said thanks to all those who served as group leaders. There was a concern expressed about the trash around the bus stop at Franklin High School. Kinsey spoke with the school and they said they couldn't clean it with students due to liability concerns. Goodyear said it wasn't their problem. Mary said this is something that had been going on for many years and is the MTA responsibility and we'll need to contact them. About 15 years ago, they started doing a better job but now they are being lax again.

Dave Kirby from Baltimore County code enforcement was a guest speaker. He passed around brochures explaining about his department, what they do and don't handle. He said they are a "complaint driven department" and don't just ride around looking for issues. They are working with neighborhoods to "keep property values up." Currently they are dealing with a lot of vacant homes, they will come back to cut grass when it exceeds 12" but while the exterior of the homes will deteriorate, they really don't step in to repair it due to time and cost. They issue a correction notice and then if not corrected issue a citation. He tries to work with the homeowner to solve the problem. He said that specifically is working on dumping behind the old gas station on Cockeys Mill – Main Street corner and a dumping behind 37-39 Main Street. He spoke about changeable signs, lawn signs and how they can be picked up and thrown away when placed on county property. He appreciates the help. He was asked about the scrolling sign at Owings Mills Elementary School and Dave said they are exempt from

following the rules. He was asked if it is okay to cut the grass on a vacant property next to your property. Calvin spoke about a property on his road where notice after notice was tacked onto the door. Dave said they have to post a notice every time they address something like cutting grass. He asked Dave about properties which have been foreclosed and the owner has moved. Can't the bank be held responsible to maintain the property? Irwin discussed the possibility of a sweep first that doesn't issue citations but identifies for us the properties that have code enforcement problems. Dave said he would do that and likes to work with the homeowners to give them a chance to resolve the problem. The county isn't really trying to place liens on these properties. Glenn asked if requesting a neighborhood sweep needs to be done formally by letter and Dave said yes.

#### Summer Events

##### Organization & Promotion Committees

Bloomin' ArtFest

The Gathering

Music on Main

Farmer's Market

Set-up, staffing, handouts, giveaways

#### Calendar of Events/Promotions

**Clean-ups** –May 4<sup>th</sup>, 10am - noon.

Will be held on the first Saturday of the month (June 1, July 6, August 3, Sept 7).

Meet at Reter's Crabhouse

**Bloomin' ArtFest** – Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 5pm at Franklin Middle School.

**Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Department 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade** – May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am

Main Street from Chartley Drive to Village Center Drive

**The Gathering** – June 8<sup>th</sup> Pending

**Music on Main Street** –June 21<sup>st</sup> – August 23<sup>rd</sup> 7- 9:30pm Lawn at Franklin Middle School

**Farmers Market** –Sundays, June 2<sup>nd</sup> to October 6<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm

358-360 Main Street .

#### Merchant outreach

Promotions Committee

Buy Local Campaign

#### Facebook/website (on-going)

The next meeting will be held at Reter's Crabhouse, Monday, May 13, 2013 at 10am.